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BURUNDI GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IN BUJUMBURA MARCH 01 THAT IT HAD RECOGNIZED THE SAHARAN DEMOCRATIC ARAB REPUBLIC THE PREVIOUS DAY. THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID RECOGNITION WAS BASED BOTH ON BURUNDI'S FIDELITY TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND ON THE LEGITIMACY OF THE SAHARAN'S PEOPLE'S FIGHT FOR THEIR OWN IDENTITY AND INDEPENDENCE. COMMENT: BURUNDI'S EARLY RECOGNITION IS INDICATIVE OF ITS LONG AFFINITY WITH ALGERIAN POSITIONS--PARTLY OUT OF PHILOSOPHICAL AGREEMENT, PARTLY OUT OF GRATITUDE FOR PAST ALGERIAN ARMS AID, AND PARTLY OUT OF A DESIRE FOR STILL MORE AID FROM RADICAL ARAB STATES SUCH AS LIBYA AND ALGERIA. HOWEVER, IT FLIES IN THE FACE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENDLESS PROTESTATIONS OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH

MAURITANIA DURING LAST YEAR'S STATE VISIT BY MOKTAR OULD
DADDAH TO BURUNDI, AND IT IS PROBABLY ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF
BURUNDI'S FAILURE, DESPITE RECENT PROMISES, TO COORDINATE SUCH M
MATTERS FIR ST WITH ZAIRE AND RWANDA, ITS SUPPOSED
PARTNERS IN A REGIONAL TRIPARTITE ORGANIZATION.
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